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TO : Chief of Station, Frankfurt

DATE: 28 August 1952

FROM : Chief, FE

Attn: Pullach

SUBJECT: GENERAL. Operational

SPECIFIC. German Influence in the Near East

1. Presumably you have seen the 25 August issue of Newsweek and the article entitled, "The German Influence Behind the Egyptian Revolt". If not, in brief, Newsweek singles out Lt. Gen. Wilhelm FRIEDRICH, (Maj. Gen. Oskar MUNZEL and HANSEN) as the key figures of a group of former German officers now employed as military advisors and technical consultants by the Egyptian Government whose advice may have contributed to the smooth efficiency of General NAQUIB's coup. Newsweek's editors note that "The Americans and British find nothing sinister in the activities of the Germans".

2. In Syria, however, the picture is different. Newsweek reports the Syrian Army and Military Intelligence have felt the influence of German military advisors in Lebanon. On the chance that you may not have the article at hand, the following is a verbatim quotation: "The top-ranking German in Syria today is General STUTTENHEIM, but the most influential is a Colonel KRIEHL. He served during the war in what the Germans called the "Department of foreign armies" - a sort of combat intelligence organization - in the Oberkommando des Heeres, the army headquarters. He worked under General GERLEN, who now plays an important role in security matters in Germany. GERLEN supposedly picked KRIEHL for the Syrian job. Both the Americans and British say they know little of the Germans in Syria, but the ever-suspicious French think they belong to a group organized by the Americans to carry out work Americans cannot - or would rather not - do."

3. We hold no pertinent traces on General STUTTENHEIM. Nor do we have any information which would substantiate Newsweek's contention that Colonel KRIEHL is General GERLEN's son in Syria. KRIEHL, however, is undoubtedly identical with Col. Palmer KRIEHL who is fairly well documented in reports from Damascus. Attached are two recent reports on his role in Syria.

4. You might be interested to know that this article was first brought to our attention on 15 August by the BYCLAW office, which had received an

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